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1. WE ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT MOST OF THE REVISED DRAFT COMMUNIQUE REFTEL WITH SOME ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS. IN PARTICULAR, PARA 8 IS UNDULY AND SPECIFICALLY ALARMING FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW AND WE PREFER IT BE DELETED IN ITS ENTIRETY. AT A MINIMUM, YOU SHOULD SECURE DELETION OF SECOND SENTENCE PARA 8 WHICH SUGGESTS PRESIDENTIAL AGREEMENT WITH KOREAN VERSION OF THE THREATS FROM THE NORTH.

2. WHILE ACCEPTING LANGUAGE IN PARA 9 ON TROOP LEVELS WE PRESUME ROKG UNDERSTANDS THAT THIS DOES NOT RUN COUNTER TO OUR PLAN TO REMOVE MISSILE UNITS.

3. AS TO INVITATION TO PARK, WE STILL PREFER TO LEAVE OUT OF COMMUNIQUE. PLEASE NOTE THAT NO SUCH REFERENCE IS MADE IN US-JAPAN COMMUNIQUE.

4. WE PREFER TO HAVE PARAGRAPHS 12 AND 13 MERGED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE. THE TWO PRESIDENTS EXAMINED
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THE IMPACT OF RECENT INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOP-

MENTS. THEY AGREED THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES SHOULD CONTINUE TO FOSTER CLOSE ECONOMIC COOPERATION FOR THEIR MUTUAL BENEFIT, AND THAT THEY SHOULD GUIDE THEIR ECONOMIC POLICIES TOWARD EACH OTHER IN THE SPIRIT OF CLOSER INTER-DEPENDENCE AMONG ALL NATIONS. THEY AGREED TO COORDINATE THEIR POLICIES ON NEW PROBLEMS CONFRONTING THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. BOTH PRESIDENTS EXPRESSED MUTUAL SATISFACTION OVER THE CONTINUING GROWTH OF SUBSTANTIAL BILATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN BENEFICIAL TO BOTH COUNTRIES. IT WAS AGREED THAT INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS SHOULD FOCUS ON THE REDUCTION OF TRADE DISTORTIONS, ESTABLISHMENT OF A FRAMEWORK FOR ENSURING STABLE FOOD SUPPLIES, AND REALIZATION OF STABLE SUPPLIES OF ENERGY AT REASONABLE PRICES. UNQUOTE.

5. WE THINK THIS LANGUAGE IS ON A HIGHER PLANE OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND BETTER EXPRESSES THE FRAMEWORK OF OUR GENERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS.

6. FOLLOWING DISCUSSION WITH KOREANS, YOU SHOULD SUBMIT TEXT TO US FOR FINAL CONFIRMATION.
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